February 25, 2018

No. 8



Second Sunday in Lent

Don't Keep the Faith

Jesus tells the man healed from the legion of demons to go home and tell them what happened, and he sends out the 70 to spread the gospel of God's peace. May we also be empowered to spread the Good News of God's Kingdom and not "keep the faith" to ourselves.



GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Eric Litwiller

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

INTROIT "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Sonbeams "My God is so Big"

*CALL TO WORSHIP from I Chronicles 16

*GATHERING HYMN "I love to tell the story" No. 398

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER "Lord, you give the great commission" No. 63 STJ -vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Coins for MCC Relief Sale, Items for MCC Relief Kits

PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC "Lord, make us instruments of your peace" Bruce Funk

CHILDREN'S STORY Janua Duerksen

SCRIPTURE DRAMA Luke 8: 26-39 Marcene Entz, Sharleen Francis,

Krista Graber, Erica Stoltzfus

SERMON "Being Sent" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*LITANY OF RESPONSE No. 755

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "How buoyant and bold the stride" Tune: No. 567

Words: Screens

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

"Longing for light"

No. 54 STJ

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin and Yvette Nickel and family and Eric and Jill Litwiller.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sarahanne Unruh and Audessi Unruh.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. **11:45** a.m.—MCC Fellowship Meal.

Tabor Mennonite Youth Group is selling homemade desserts today to help raise money for their summer service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Suggested donations for the desserts, on the table in the foyer, are \$10. Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement for our youth group!

This Week

Tuesday, February 27

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

12:00 p.m..—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda

Wednesday, February 28

<u>Thursday, March 1</u>

Bulletin announcements due Wednesday Evening Ministries

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Saturday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women Projects for MCC Sale

Next Sunday, March 4

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent and we will continue our worship series focused on "The Upside Down King." The theme will be "Layers of the Lord's Prayer". Scripture focus will be Luke 11:1-4, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

We are collecting items for MCC relief kits during the season of Lent. March 4: 4 new bath towels (med. Weight, dark/bright colors).

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday, March 4, after the Tabor Church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

11:30 a.m.—WaShunGa fundraiser meal at Goessel High School cafeteria.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on February 18.

★ Pastor Phil read a statement by Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA. The statement was in response to the Florida school shooting that took place the previous week. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Karina, as she continues to serve with Mennonite Mission Network Journey International in Ecuador.
- ★ All who are recovering from flu and other illness, surgery, or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The adult caring quilt is home.





GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$910,181 \$89,819 Still Needed

This week's receipts:
New Contributions = \$200

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$200

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 18, 2018

Offering = \$4,260.00 Attendance = 145 Adult F.F. = \$46.00 Attendance = 50 Jr. F.F. = \$10.43 Attendance = 37

Dates to Remember:

March 5-7: MCC Comforter Blitz
March 8: Tabor program at Bethesda
March 11: Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda
Tabor leads chapel at Kidron Bethel
Daylight savings time begins

March 15: WDC Women's Spring Supper March 18: Palm Sunday observed March 25: Passion Sunday, Communion March 28: Holy Week Meal and Service April 1: Easter Sunday Breakfast and Worship

Being Sent Luke 8:26-39; 10:1-16

Sending the One (Luke 8:26-39)

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39a)

Sending the Twelve (Luke 9:1-6)

"[Jesus] sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." (Luke 9:2)

Sending the Seventy (Luke 10:1-16)

"Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves." (Luke 10:3)



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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